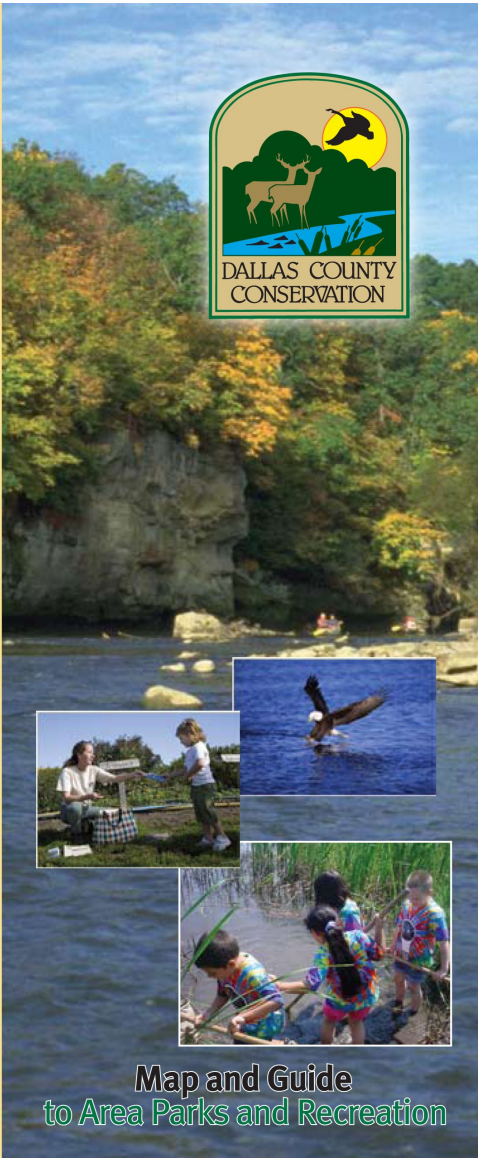


Working for our Future Generations

In 1962, the people of Dallas County voted to authorize a Conservation Board with the purpose to acquire and develop museums, county parks, preserves, forests, wildlife, and other conservation resources; and to provide environmental programming, to cultivate citizenship and a conservation ethic. The Conservation Board sets policy and oversees the activities of the Conservation Department.

- 1. **Forest Park Museum**
- 2. **Sportsman Park**
- 3. **Dawson Depot:** trailhead
- 4. **Fazel Wildlife Area:** 13 acres to hike and stream fish.
- 5. **Voas Nature Area:** 700 acres with trails, woodlands, wetlands and prairie. Areas open to hunting.
- 6. **North Raccoon River Wildlife Area:**
 - a. **Snyder Tract:** 145.5 acres of hunting, hiking and fishing.
 - b. **Wagner Tract:** 72 acres of bow hunting.
- 7. **Crellin Wildlife Refuge:** 16 acres to hike and stream fishing
- 8. **Wagner Prairie:** 10 acres. Hiking
- 9. **Raccoon River Valley Trail (RRVT)**
- 10. **Dawson Boat Ramp**
- 11. **Puckerbrush Access:** 31 acres with river access.
- 12. **Trindle Park:** 22 acres with shelters that can be reserved, a playground and picnic area.
- 13. **Glissman Conservation Area**
- 14. **Kuehn Conservation Area**
- 15. **Redfield Depot:** trailhead and concession
- 16. **G.A.R. Post Historic Site**
- 17. **Hanging Rock**
- 18. **Redfield Dam:** 25 acres with a boat ramp.
- 19. **Big Bend Wildlife Area:** 605 acre of wildlife management area, open to hunting.
- 20. **High Trestle Trail**

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Map and Guide to Area Parks and Recreation

Forest Park Museum



Our museum is among the finest museums in the state, exhibiting natural, cultural and historical events and artifacts of central Iowa.



Covered Wagon

This 17 acre park contains a cultural museum that includes a log cabin, one room school house, Bill Wagner Scale House and library. An arboretum that embodies approximately 100 species of primarily native trees and shrubs, a rose garden, re-established prairie and small woodland areas. Free Admission.

If you are researching your family history, there are many records, diaries and maps at your disposal.

Raccoon River Valley Trail (RRVT)



The 89 total mile multiuse paved trail contains a 72 mile loop which follows an old railroad line across Dallas, Guthrie and Greene counties. Prairie remnants and timber will remind you of what Iowa was like when the railroad was first constructed.



Riders on the RRVT

The trail is easily accessible from several designed trailheads with parking lots and restrooms. The 14 communities offer a variety of parks, festivals and celebrations.

The Raccoon River Valley Trail has a user fee.

Kuehn Conservation Area



This 780 acre park includes re-established and native prairie, upland forests, unique geological formations, archaeological sites and interpretive trails.

Kuehn Conservation Area is a popular site to primitive camp, hike and fish. The sandbars at Kuehn Conservation Area provide beautiful rest spots for viewing wildlife while canoeing or hiking along the South Raccoon River. Hunting is permitted in designated areas only. Bear Creek Nature Center is located at this site and may be reserved for meetings.



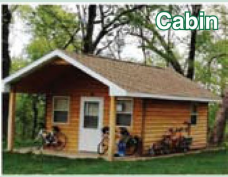
Youth Volunteers constructing a Nihachi

Sportsman Park



This 40 acre park overlooks the North Raccoon River. A modern campground with electrical and primitive camping is available as well as a modern shower house with restrooms. The park also has a handicap accessible playground.

Two all season cabins are available for rent. Heat and air conditioning provide visitors who wish a "camping out" experience but may not have the necessary equipment for typical camping. The cabins contain an ADA shower and restroom, microwave and refrigerator. All you need to bring is your pillows, towels, linens, camping supplies and the spirit of adventure.



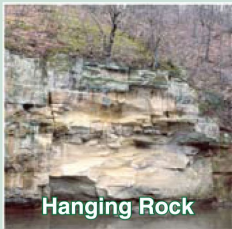
Cabin

A climate controlled lodge is available for rent and accommodates 120 guests with tables and chairs provided and includes a built-in serving counter.

Hanging Rock



Hanging Rock, with 440 acres and featuring a massive outcrop of sandstone, has been a major landmark for years.



Hanging Rock

Enjoy the wetlands, a re-established prairie and a native timber area where the scenery is beautiful.

Hunt in the designated areas and enjoy fishing where a state record channel catfish was caught. There is a shelter house with a fireplace and picnic tables that can be reserved, a trail that connects to the Raccoon River Valley Trail and an interpretive area for programming.

The area just downstream was a ford used by wagon trains heading west during the mid-1800s. The confluence of the South and Middle Raccoon rivers is less than a mile downstream.

Glissman Conservation Area



Located in the Raccoon River Greenbelt area, the Glissman Conservation Area offers 62 acres consisting of oaks and hickory woodlands. There is a 7.5 acre pond with lots of good-eating-sized pan fish. You will find populations of wildlife and a wide diversity of plant species. Recreational opportunities include bird watching, hiking, fishing, picnicking and mushroom hunting. Also located on this property is a restored ranch-style house available for rent on a nightly basis. The house provides a panoramic view of the pond and valley.



Glissman Lodge

G.A.R. Post Historical Site



The Grand Army of the Republic Post in Redfield has been restored as a history museum. This building was constructed as a meeting facility by the Sons of Union Veterans in the early 1880's and is the last "Country Post" still standing in Iowa. The lower level features changing local history displays while the upper floor has been restored to an 1880's meeting hall appearance.



G.A.R. Post

High Trestle Trail



The High Trestle Trail runs for 25 miles through five towns and through Polk, Story, Boone and Dallas counties.



High Trestle Trail

The High Trestle Trail is named for the original railroad bridge that spans the Des Moines River between Madrid and Woodward, on the trail's northern end. This dramatic trestle is a work of art itself: a half-mile long, the bridge rises 13 stories, that's 130 feet, and includes scenic overlooks with spectacular views of the valley below.

Boat Ramp	Fishing	Play-ground
Bicycling	Hiking	Rest-rooms
Camping	Hunting	Shelter
Camping Trailer	Picnic Tables	KEY TO SYMBOLS